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## MEMO-LETTER

**TO** Russell A. Strong  
5323 Cheval Pl.  
Charlotte NC 28205

**DATE** 8/5/90

**SUBJECT**

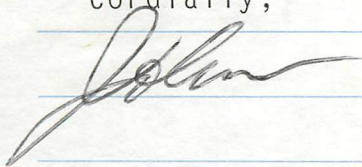
Dear Russ:

Here's the check for 8th AF membership.

Also, here a couple photos I took in a cemetery in Sayville, L.I., N.Y. that I thought might be of interest to you.

Hope you are having a good year,

Cordially,



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TO Mr. Russell A. Strong  
2041 Hillsdale  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

DATE 1/11/88

SUBJECT 306 th

Dear Russ: it was a pleasure meeting you and your wife at the reunion.

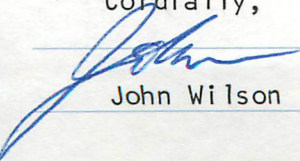
I'm behind in my correspondence, and wanted to send this check on sooner for your research efforts.

Also, I wanted to bring to your attention an article that you most likely already know about. It's the April '86 issue of the Smithsonian entitled "Archaeology with a heart in Holland's drained inland sea." It deals with recovery of crashed WWII aircraft.

I was astonished to read here that Dutch experts estimate that more than 7000 aircraft crashed in the Netherlands, or in Dutch waters during WWII.

If you don't have this article, I can copy it for you. Just send the card.

Cordially,

  
John Wilson

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Dec. 29, 1986

Russell A. Strong  
306th Bombardment Group Association

Dear Russ:

Enclosed is my check for \$25 to help continue your efforts on research.

I've enclosed some items that might be useful or of interest. You may keep, or dispose as you see fit.

I have "Stars & Stripes" from May 8 and 9, '44 if you would like them. \*

The ad for the videos just came out. I hadn't seen such previously.

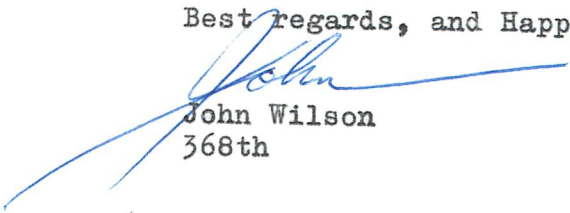
I missed a program that NBC televised a couple years ago about the air war in Europe. I believe it was called "All the Fine Young Men" Perhaps these videos contain some of the same material.

The excerpts from "Lifelines Through the Arctic" I thought might be of interest for various reasons. One being that the ground crews had to contend with severe weather with no shelter in the early days of landing on Greenland. I came across this book in a used book store and gave it to a friend who had served on Greenland. He is interested in the buried 17s and other planes, but doubts they can be salvaged.

I checked my file for orders, but not many as I spent half my duty at the 305th as Pathfinder, and returned to the 306 late summer of '44 for further duty at 40th Wing HQ.

Your efforts on behalf of the 306th is very much appreciated.

Best regards, and Happy New Year

  
John Wilson  
368th

\* ALSO "YANK" 12/2/42 AIR FORCE ISSUE

We arrived at Cherleigh on 5-15-44 with the 419 We Promised - We were then assigned to the 578 We Promised. Below are some of the ~~names~~ names and numbers from my records:

814 - Chaogy Dury	658 - Healer Hardick
419 - We Promised (list)	767 - Tampa Bell
758 - Umbriago	183 - Tail Wind
578 - We Promised (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	159 - Hitler's Headache
600 - Impatient Virgin	055 - Paper Doll
129 - Rose of York	421 - Bare Mance
042 - Peace and Justice	611 - Lil' Abner
276 - Report of the Motion	099 - Shack Up.
691 - How Yankee	154 - Glowin Virgin
533 - Chickadee Kid	
* 018 - Hurricane Blue	

Member Jack C. Simon was the ball turret gunner on 018

Crew 6 - F-47.

W<sup>m</sup> W. Wood - Pilot - ~~W~~  
Wilbur Perringer - Co Pilot - E. R. Barr - J. Propag.  
Henry J. Domencia - Nav.  
Robert D. Schuein - Bomb.  
R. V. Miller - Eng. - Top turret  
R. K. Lavary - Ball turret  
L. E. Vanderploeg - Radio  
G. J. Ebro - Waist  
H. M. Noel - Waist  
W. C. Trembull - Tail

J. C. Wilson - S. G. Spencer - midday operators.  
(D. H. H. Shop in the 305<sup>th</sup>)